

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is dangerous to democracy. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. How is the public served when a large corporation dictates what I see and hear? It is the public's responsibility to make good decisions based on sound facts in elections. When you are shown only a biased opinion it is very difficult to uphold your responsibility as a citizen. When mass media starts showing events that only show one side it is an abuse of their responsibility. Using public airwaves requires them to act according to the public good and present views from all sides. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.